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1. The Volkseigene Werft in Rostock was obliged to discharge approximately 2,500 workers in April 1951. The reason given for the layoffs was the shortage of material. Officials of the shipyards were instructed to reply to any possible complaints that the layoffs were only temporary and would be in effect only until the Eisenhuetten-Kombinat-Ost was completed and ready to operate.
 2. Elektroschaltgeraete (WEB IKA), formerly Cruse & Co., Franz Lehmannstrasse 5, Dresden, is building switching units (Schaltaggregate), apparently for switching to battery power (Schalt-Akkubetrieb) in submarines. The production totals 400 units per month. The production is forwarded to Rostock under the cover name "Loggerbau Rostock".
 3. Schaltapparatebau Pirna-Gopitz (VVB IKA), formerly administered by VVB Elektrizitaet Land Sachsen, is building switchboards and resistors for submarines and rapid motor boats (Schnellboote). The monthly production totals 50 to 70 units.
 4. Schleswerk Dresden-Niedersedlitz (SAG Kabel) is building units which are ostensibly destined for export but which, in the opinion of experts, are suitable for antiaircraft gun revolving turrets and ships guns.
 5. The Zeiss-Ikon plant, Junghansstrasse, Dresden, is building camera parts for target devices; these, however, are not completed in the plant proper. The parts are shipped to Berlin. The shortage of materials in this plant recently brought about the dismissal of 400 workers.
 6. On 2 April 1951, Stanzila (VVB Mawa), formerly Josef Schmalzeder Erben, Dresden, received an order for more than 50,000 brass coupling locks (Koppelschloesser) for the Soviet Army. On 7 April, the plant received an order for a further 40,000 coupling locks. During the past three years, the plant has manufactured the following number of coupling locks:

For the Soviet Army	1,000,000
For the FDJ	350,000
For the Volkspolizei	450,000

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